

## MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORNBELT EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

A meeting of the Board of Directors for the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative was held in person and via teleconference (Zoom) at the Cornbelt Cooperative office in Sioux Falls, SD on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 9:45 A.M. The following members were present: Bridgewater-Emery – Hofer (Zoom) and Bailey (Zoom); Canistota – Jacobsen (Zoom); Ethan – Vogel and Hawkins (Zoom); Freeman – Andersen (Zoom); Hanson – McManus (Zoom 10:00); Marion – Schmidt (Zoom); McCook Central – Stiefvater and Alley; Montrose – McAreavey and L. Johnson; and Parker – J. Johnson (Zoom). Also in attendance were Dean Kueter, Director and Pamela Selken, Business Manager. Absent: Canistota – Fischer; Freeman – Tietje; Hanson – Oltmanns; Marion – Brosnahan and Parker – Fosheim.

At 9:46 A.M. President McAreavey called the meeting to order, had the roll called, and determined a quorum was established for conducting business.

**Action #26-66 - Agenda** - Vogel moved seconded by Hofer to approve the May 12, 2026 Agenda as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

President McAreavey asked for any possible conflict of interest disclosures. None were presented.

President McAreavey asked for any persons wishing to address the Cooperative Board. None were present.

**Action #26-67 - Advisory Board Minutes** - Stiefvater moved seconded by Schmidt to approve the April 15, 2026 Advisory Board Minutes as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-68 - Financial Reports** - Hofer moved seconded by Andersen to approve the following monthly Financial Reports as presented:

**April 2026 General Fund Beginning Balance:** \$7,906.66; **Closing Balance:** \$7,906.66. **April 2026 SPED Fund Beginning Balance:** \$716,232.63; **Revenue - Interest:** \$161.34; **Local Shared Assessment:** \$155,852.50; **IDEA 611:** \$68,504.00; **IDEA 619:** \$3,678.00; **Expenditures:** \$140,358.56; **Closing Balance:** \$804,069.91. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-69 - Monthly Claims** - Vogel moved seconded by Schmidt to approve the following Monthly Claims as presented:

**May 2026 Claims:** **IMPREST Fund:** EASY TIME CLOCK, INC....NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...11.00; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...94.42; SD ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...125.00; WALMART...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...25.12. **SPED Fund:** CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS...REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES IDEA...91.16; CLEVELAND...TRAVEL IDEA 611...254.80; FIRST INTERSTATE BANK FIDUCIARY FUND...PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES...94.42; FIRST INTERSTATE BANK FIDUCIARY FUND...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...25.12; FIRST INTERSTATE BANK FIDUCIARY FUND...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...136.00; HEALY...TRAVEL IDEA 611...96.60; JOHNSTON...TRAVEL IDEA 611...217.70; KOCER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...562.80; KUETER...TRAVEL...169.40; KUETER...COMMUNICATION ...145.54; LAIBLE...TRAVEL IDEA 611...450.80; MILLER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...154.00; NEUGEBAUER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...504.00; PETERSON...TRAVEL IDEA 611...737.10; PIONEER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT...RENTALS...1,415.06; POSTMASTER...POSTAGE ...370.00; RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER...TRAVEL ...232.00; RANDALL...TRAVEL IDEA 611...61.60; SELKEN...TRAVEL ...310.80; WAGeworks...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...15.80; WIEBERS...TRAVEL IDEA 611...828.10; XCEL ENERGY...PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES...72.84; ZULK...TRAVEL IDEA 611...205.80. **TOTAL CLAIMS \$7,406.98; APRIL 2026 PAYROLL \$102,514.05; BENEFITS \$28,955.06; GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$138,876.09.** **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-70 - Accept the resignation of Cheryl Donelan as ECSE Paraprofessional** - Stiefvater moved seconded by Vogel to accept the resignation of Cheryl Donelan as ECSE Paraprofessional effective May 14, 2026. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-71 - Approve negotiated agreement with Preschool Teachers & SLP Group (Alley/Vogel)** - Hofer moved seconded by Andersen to approve negotiated agreement with the preschool teachers & speech-language pathologists' group. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-72 - Approve policy amendments** - Stiefvater moved seconded by McManus to approve the following policy amendments: a) New Hire Compensation for SLP/Teacher; b) New Hire Compensation Policy for Paraprofessionals & current Paraprofessional pay increase; c) Cooperative Board meetings, procedures to be used in Making the Evaluation, Non-Certified Employee Expectations, Non-Certified Employee Dismissal. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-73 – Acknowledge Cooperative Articles that were voted on and approved by all member school boards.** - Schmidt moved seconded by Stiefvater to acknowledge the Cooperative Articles that were voted on and approved by all member school boards: a) Withdrawal and Dissolution and b) Dispute Resolution. **ALL VOTED YES**

**Action #26-74 - Approve returned SLP and ECSE employment contracts** - Hofer moved seconded by McManus to approve the returned 2026-2027 SLP and ECSE employment contracts as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

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**Action #26-75 - Approve 2026-2027 salary and benefit recommendations** - Vogel moved seconded by Stiefvater to approve the 2026-2027 salary and benefit recommendations for the Director, Business Manager and Administrative Secretary effective July 1, 2026, and Psychologists and SLPA effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-76 - Approve Technology Technician contract** - McManus moved seconded by Hofer to approve technology technician contract with Kimberly Peterson. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-77 - Approve psychology services agreement with Dell Rapids School District** - Vogel moved seconded by Schmidt to approve psychology services agreement with Dell Rapids School District. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-78 - Approve participation in the ASB Workers' Compensation Fund** - Hofer moved seconded by Jacobsen to approve participation in the ASB Workers' Compensation Fund from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-79 - Approve participation in SDSDBF for Health Benefits and in the Delta Dental Insurance Program** - Stiefvater moved seconded by Vogel to approve participation in the South Dakota School District Benefits Fund for health benefits (plan options #2, #3 and #5) and in the Delta Dental Insurance Program from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-80 - Authorize the Advisory Board of Superintendents to approve ASB Property/Liability & Cyber proposals** - Vogel moved seconded by Hofer to authorize the Advisory Board of Superintendents to approve ASB Property/Liability & Cyber proposals when available. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-81 - Approve 3-year service and license agreement with Relay for Medley IEP platform** - Vogel moved seconded by McManus to approve 3-year service and license agreement with Relay for Medley IEP platform. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-82 - Approve the audit proposal** - Stiefvater moved seconded by Hofer to approve the audit proposal submitted by Schoenfish and Company to conduct the Cooperative FY2026 Audit. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-83 - Approve the 2026-2027 Cornbelt Service Calendar** - Schmidt moved seconded by McManus to approve the 2026-2027 Cornbelt Cooperative Service Calendar. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-84 - Approve FY2026 budget amendments** - Vogel moved seconded by McManus to approve a budget amendment to increase 2547 Land and Building Rental to \$17,347.66 with transfer from Contingency. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-85 - Acknowledge 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget** - Stiefvater moved seconded by Vogel to acknowledge receipt of the 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-86 - Authorize the Advisory Board of Superintendents to conduct a Public Hearing** - McManus moved seconded by Hofer to authorize the Advisory Board of Superintendents to conduct a Public Hearing on June 9, 2026 for the purpose of considering the proposed 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-87 - Authorize the Business Manager to allocate monies** - Schmidt moved seconded by McManus to authorize the Business Manager to allocate monies to settle claims against the Cooperative from June 9, 2026 to July 31, 2026. **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action #26-88 - Authorize the Director to sign the Head Start Agreement** - McManus moved seconded by Vogel to authorize the Director to sign the Head Start Agreement. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Mr. Kueter discussed the following items with the board: a) 2026-2027 Staffing needs; b) Extraordinary Cost Fund; c) Comprehensive Plan recertification dates; d) Medicaid billing update and f) IDEA application.

**Action #26-89 - Adjournment** - At 10:47 A.M. Vogel moved seconded by McManus to adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting with the next Advisory Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 9:45 A.M. at the Cornbelt Cooperative in Sioux Falls, SD. **ALL VOTED YES.**



Pamela Selken, Business Manager



Jason McAreavey, Board of Directors President

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